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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

For many years, I had AT&T internet and telephone service at home and for my business. The cost climbed steadily and I found AT&T's customer service unreliable and unhelpful. In the past year, I switched both home and business over to a local provider (LMI, in Berkeley, California). My business service now costs 60% less for faster internet access. My home service is now fiber internet, which is 15 times faster than my AT&T service and costs 40% less. All told, my access to this local provider is saving me more than \$1,5000 a year, for much better service.

Please preserve competition in the internet and telephone service industry!

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